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FM AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT

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SUBJECT: MAURITANIAN TRUCKS AND MAINTENANCE

REF: STATE 022031 AND NOUAKCHOTT 0101

1. IN ORDER UP-DATE INFO CONTAINED NOUAKCHOTT 101, TALKED ON
FEB 5 WITH MINHEALTH (GIRM DROUGHT RELIEF COORDINATOR) RE
CURRENT EMERGENCY FOOD-MEDICINE TRANSPORT SITUATION. MINISTER
SAID HE IN CONTACT MERCEDES AND BERLIET FACTORIES THROUGH
GERMAN AND FRENCH EMBASSIES HERE. MERCEDES AVERS IT CANNOT
DELIVER 12-TON TRUCKS UNTIL JUNE-JULY, TOO LATE AVOID WET
SEASON OVERLAND TRANSPORT BOTTLENECKS IN FLUVE REGION. BERLIET,
HOWEVER, REPORTS IT CAN DELIVER 80 TWELVE-TON LORRIES IN
MARCH-APRIL, IN TIME MAKE GOOD USE THIS ADDITIONAL TRANSPORT
PRIOR RAINS. FYI. MINISTER'S ORIGINAL INTENTION WAS TO DIVIDE
80-TRUCK ORDER EVENLY BETWEEN MERCEDES AND BERLIET. IT NOW
APPEARS THAT HE MUST GO 100 PERCENT BERLIET. END FYI.

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2. MINISTER ALSO USING GERMAN EMBASSY AS INTERMEDIARY OBTAIN BETTER SPARE PARTS SERVICE FROM MERCEDES, WHOSE LOCAL DISTRIBUTOR HAS ONLY INSUFFICIENT STOCKS IN HAND. NOUAKCHOTT BERLIET DISTRIBUTOR, ACCORDING TO MINISTER, HAS GOOD STOCK SPARES MAKING REPAIR AND SERVICE BERLIET PORTION (APPROXIMATELY HALF) OF GIRM EMERGENCY GRAIN DISTRIBUTION TRUCK FLEET RELATIVELY SIMPLE. PROBLEMS, HOWEVER, PERSIST WITH REMAINING HALF FLEET, WHICH MADE UP ALMOST ENTIRELY OF MERCEDES LORRIES. SHURTLEFF

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